Programme	1984-85		1985-86		1986-87	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
IRDP (beneficiaries families in Lakhs) . . .	30 27	39·81	24 70	30 60	35·00	37 40
NREP (Million mandays) .	309 12	353 13	228 00	316 41	275 08	392 63
RLEGP (-do-) . . .	300·00	257 55	205 73	237 97	236 44	302 95

Devotees to Sind Pakistan treated shabbily by Pakistan

2017. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a communication dated the 19th October, 1987 addressed to him by Shadani Darbar, Raipur (MP) stating that about 200 devotees led by Sant Gobind Ram who had left by for Sind Pakistan on 3rd October, 1987 were very shabbily treated; and

(b) whether the matter has been taken up with the Goverment of Pakistan and if so with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan ts in future.
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Development of Main Battle Tank

2018 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the India Today of June 15, 1987 regarding the Main Battle Tank;

(b) what is Government's reaction in the matter;

(c) when this tank is going to be ready for battle effectiveness, as per the present estimate;

(d) what are the reasons for such a long delay, and

(e) whether there is effective coordination between the designers and manufacturers and the army headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The integrated users' team is working closely with the designers and engineers developing MBT Arjun. The interactions are useful in making MBT Arjun as one of the most modern battle tanks. As MBT Arjun has not yet been offered for the user's evaluation, the question of it not doing well in trials does not arise at all All the technical trials till now carried out by the laboratories are very satisfactory

(c) The large scale production of MBT is scheduled to commence from 1990 onwards.

(d) Development of MBT in any country is a long term programme and it generally takes more than 10 years even in advanced countries. MBT Arjun programme is still on revised schedule and the designers and engineers hope to meet the 1990 production deadline.

(e) There is a constant interaction and coordination among designers, manufacturers and users of MBT Arjun both formally and informally. Various committees and groups consisting of participants from all these three agencies are constantly scrutinising evaluating and suggesting various options for this programme.

Seminar on the American Constitution

2019. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ford Foundation held a Seminar in Srinagar recently on the American Constitution and Democratic Systems;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that eminent persons like the Chief Justice of India had participated in the Seminar; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what is Government's reaction to allowing a foreign agency to conduct such seminars which are not relevant to the work of the voluntary agencies they are helping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Ford Foundation did not hold any Seminar in Srinagar recently on the "American Constitution and Democratic Systems". However, the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Jammu & Kashmir Regional Branch had organised a seminar on "The American Constitution: Guarantor of Freedom" in Srinagar from September, 26 to 29, 1987 in collaboration with the United States Information Service The Chief Justice of India inaugurated this seminar on September 26, 1987.

Sri Lankan Refugees

2020 SHRI T R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees who have been sent back to Sri Lanka;

(b) whether India have got any assurance or guarantee from Sri Lanka to rehabilitate these refugees in Sri Lanka; and

(c) what is the total number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who are still in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Nil

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 114472

Acquisition of 81 M/M. ammunition through M/s. Simmel of Italy

2021. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 81 m. m. illuminated ammunition was acquired through M/s. Simmel, an Italian Shell manufacturer and found to be defective and subsequently rejected; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the contract entered into with M/s. Simmel in this regard, the value of the contract and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) It is a fact that 81 mm illuminating Ammunition was imported from M/s Simmels, Italy under three contracts concluded during the period July, 1977 to June, 1982 The ammunition received from M/s. Simmels was check-proved and found acceptable by the ispection agency.

Non-Implementation of Report of Bombay Natural History Society by the IAF

2022 SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is not keen to implement the recommendations made by the Bombay Natural History Society to prevent bird-hit hazards to aircraft;